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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The listed documents were first cited in a Search and Examination Report for corresponding UK Patent Application No. 0327594.8. The relevance of German Patent

DE 4139482 A1 is discussed in the enclosed search report from the U.K. Patent Office.

An English language abstract of German Patent DE 4139482 A1 is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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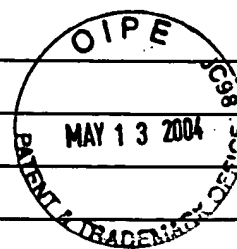
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Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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